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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir,

This Reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §111 is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 20, 2005 (hereinafter "Action"). Applicants also submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the time for response for three months, or until January 20, 2006. Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks in this case.